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### NOTICE FOR ST. CROIX DISTRICT: THREE ST. CROIX SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED TO IN-PERSON LEARNING ON MAY 7

Out of an abundance of caution and to avoid instructional interruptions during the school day, Eulalie R. Rivera K-8, Arthur A. Richards K-8, and the St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center will remain closed to in-person learning on May 7; students will attend classes virtually.

The schools were dismissed early on May 6, due to a gaseous odor affecting the air quality on the campuses.

The matter is under investigation by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources.



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**NOTICE FOR STTJ DISTRICT - MAY 7: SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES PreK-3RD TO ACCOMMODATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL-BASED EMPLOYEES**

The St. Thomas-St. John District will close schools for all PreK-3rd grade students on Friday, May 7 to accommodate a mental health professional development day for teachers, paraprofessionals, guidance counselors, and school nurses. Other grades are not affected and will operate as normal.

The V.I. Department of Health's MCH Project Launch Program will host the "Relax, Relate, Release: Educators' Mental Health Matters" workshop, in recognition of Mental Health Month with activities from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The training will provide participants with positive coping skills and ways to tap into resources that uplift their own mental health and well-being, as well as the young children they care for. Participants will be engaged in classroom-management techniques that can be used to support the social and emotional wellness of their students, among other activities.



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**NOTICE OF EARLY DISMISSIAL - MAY 6**

Eulalie R. Rivera K8, Arthur A. Richards K8 and CTEC are being dismissed, effective immediately, due to a noxious odor impacting the air quality on the campuses.

Students attending in-person learning on these campuses will revert to virtual learning for the remainder of the day. Parents may pick up their children from the schools.

Later today, the Department of Education will provide an update on the status of in-person learning at the three schools for May 7.



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April 23 at 6:07 AM · 🌐

**NOTICE - CTEC, ARTHUR RICHARDS K8, EULALIE RIVERA K8 CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING APRIL 23**

The St. Croix Career & Technical Education Center, Arthur A. Richards K-8 School and Eulalie R. Rivera K-8 School will close for in-person learning on April 23, effective immediately, due to a noxious odor affecting the air quality on the campuses.

Students and staff have reported feelings of nausea due to the smell, which was detected on April 22.... [See More](#)



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